Did You Know...

By Chief Mathew Workman Vernonia Police Department



The Vernonia Friendship Jamboree will be held August 1st, 2nd,

& 3rd here in Vernonia. Please be aware that our little town will

experience a huge in-flux of people, vehicles, and potential safety concerns. Be aware and cautious when driving around town as there will be numerous pedestrians and very slow traffic. Many visitors will be unfamiliar with our town and will be driving even that much slower. Be patient, courteous, and welcome the many guests who will be coming to enjoy our community and hopefully spend money with our businesses. Some

may even want to move here, which will help replace all of the residents we lost after the

The last topic I would like to discuss is that of Golf Carts on public streets. Recently I was tasked by the City Council to look into the legalities of allowing Golf Carts to be used as transportation on public roadways. The issue was prompted by concerns received by the council. I proceeded to re-

search the issue through Oregon Revised Statutes, other police departments, and other Cities who currently allow or regulate the use of Golf Carts in their respective cities.

Basically to summarize what I found out; the use of Golf Carts is prohibited on public roadways except for a few exemptions. Oregon Revised Statutes allow for the use of a golf cart if the driver has obtained a Disability Golf Cart

Permit (807.210) from DMV, in lieu of their driver's license, and they drive on streets no higher than 25 mph. ORS also allows for use of Golf Carts in housing developments adjacent to golf courses where individuals are eligible for membership (810. 070). All of the chiefs who replied to my request advised they DO NOT allow the use of Golf Carts with the exception of a couple of cities that had golf

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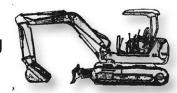
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